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Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 and in response to the Office Action in which the Examiner finally rejected claims 1-5, 8-14, and 16-26 and which was mailed on October 25, 2006, the following remarks are submitted for your consideration. These remarks are offered to either reduce, eliminate, or at the least more clearly define the differences between the Applicants' position and that of the Examiner. This reply is being filed within two months of the mailing date of the Final Office Action.

A Listing of Claims begins on page 2 of this paper.

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